

9. (Once Amended) A security article comprising:

a light transmissive substrate having a first surface and an opposing second surface, the first surface having a diffraction grating pattern or a holographic image pattern and the second surface being substantially planar; and

a color shifting multilayer optical film on the second surface of the substrate, the optical film comprising:

an absorber layer on the second surface of the substrate;

a dielectric layer on the absorber layer; and

a reflector layer on the dielectric layer;

wherein the optical film provides an observable discrete color shift such that the article has a first background color at a first angle of incident light or viewing and a second background color different from the first background color at a second angle of incident light or viewing, the article exhibiting an optical interference effect in addition to the first and second background colors.

46. (Once Amended) The security article of claim 42, wherein the dielectric layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of silicon dioxide, aluminum oxide, magnesium fluoride, aluminum fluoride, cerium fluoride, lanthanum fluoride, sodium aluminum fluorides, neodymium fluoride, samarium fluoride, barium fluoride, calcium fluoride, lithium fluoride, and combinations thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

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53. A security article comprising:

a light transmissive substrate having a first surface and an opposing second surface, the first surface having an optical interference pattern; and

a color shifting optical coating on one of the first or second surfaces of the substrate, the optical coating providing an observable discrete color shift such that the article has a first background color at a first angle of incident light or viewing and a second background color different from the first background color at a second angle of incident light or viewing;

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wherein the article exhibits an optical interference effect in addition to the first and second background colors.

54. The security article of claim 53, wherein the optical interference pattern is a diffraction grating pattern.

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55. The security article of claim 53, wherein the optical interference pattern is a holographic image pattern.

56. The security article of claim 53, wherein the second surface is substantially planar and does not have an optical interference pattern thereon.